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DAY & DATE FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1942

TIME 11:30-12:30 CWT WMAQ BLUE

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PRODUCTION NOTES

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| MATT | -- | CLIFF SOUBIER |
| JIM | -- | HARVEY HAYS |
| JERRY | -- | ART JACOBSON |
| DICK | -- | FRANK ADAMS |

SOUND

REMARKS

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WEAVERS

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2. MUSIC: THEME

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4. LAUGHTER industries need lots of wood to keep things headed for
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18. moment, Andy Goodman, Council President, is calling the
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20. FADE IN CROWD NOISE.....GAVEL RAPS

21. ANDY: (THRU NOISE) All right, gentlemen. All right! Let's come
22. to order....(NOISE SUBSIDES) I reckon everybody's here
23. that's on the Council....No, wait. Where's Matt Singlefield?
24. VOICES: Anybody seen Matt this morning? He's the Secretary and
25. Treasurer of this Council and he ought to be here.

ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!

MUSIC: THEME

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ANDY: (THRU NOISE) All right, gentlemen. All right! Let's come to order....(NOISE SUBSIDES) I reckon everybody's here that's on the Council....No, wait. Where's Matt Singleton? Anybody seen Matt this morning? He's the Secretary and Treasurer of this Council and he ought to be here.

JIM: (CHUCKLES) You can't expect the town banker to get to an early meeting like this on time, Andy. It ain't nine o'clock yet.

LAUGHTER

MATT: (COMING ON) Hey there, I heard yuh, Jim Robbins. Just because we don't open our bank 'till ten is no sign....

GAVEL RAPS

ANDY: All right, all right. Meetin' will come to order.

JIM: I was just kiddin', Matt.

MATT: (STIFFLY) I accept your apology, Jim.

LAUGHTER

ANDY: (RAPPING GAVEL) All right! S'pose we get on with this special meeting...Men, we've got a tough problem on our hands...It looks like folks in this town might be up against it when it comes to gettin' fuel to cook with and heat their houses with this winter....Now what's the trouble, Matt? What're you shaking your head for? You don't think a fuel shortage is a serious thing?

MATT: It ain't that, Andy. I just don't see the sense of getting all excited right now, early in August, about something that won't be worrying us for another three-four months yet. We got plenty of time to take care of any fuel shortage.....

VOICES: AD LIB COMMENTS

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SCATTERED APPLAUSE

ANDY: That's right, Jim. And another thing. When folks get in their fuel early, they're helpin' Uncle Sam win this war by turning loose trains and cars to haul coal and iron to the war plants, and that helps speed up the shipment of guns and tanks and ammunition to our boys fighting out there. We got a chance here to help Uncle Sam by helpin' ourselves.

MATT: Shucks, Andy, we don't use much coal here in Winding Creek. You know that. This is mostly a wood-burning town. And seeing as how we got a National Forest right in our back yard, so to speak, what've we got to worry about? Unless Ranger Jim Robbins there is figuring on holding us up with his firewood.

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You got no call to say anything like that, Matt... Jim

Hobbins is...

AD LIB COMMENTS

JIM: Wait a minute, Andy. I reckon I can talk for myself.
Look Matt, I want to ask you a couple questions. First though, I want to tell all of you that most of the farm folks in this county have been a lot smarter about getting in their firewood than we've been, here in town. They're going along with the county agent on his fuelwood campaign, tooth and nail. Every chance they get they're in their woods cuttin' firewood and building up big woodpiles back of their kitchens.

MATT: You were going to ask me some questions.

JIM: I'm getting to that. These farmers are cutting their own firewood 'cause they know nobody's going to do it for them. And some of 'em have got enough diseased and crooked and fire-scarred trees so they're cutting out more firewood than they'll need for themselves. And they'll probably sell that extra stuff to folks here in Winding Creek, but that still won't be enough to go 'round very far, and that's where the Pine Cone National Forest comes in.

MATT: What about those questions you were going to ask me?

JIM: I'm coming to 'em Matt. Well, sir, folks close by the National Forest can get free permits to cut firewood. We can allow quite a bit of cutting of dead and diseased trees and thinnings without hurting the timber growth any. That'll help a number of folks who can arrange to do their own cutting and hauling. And then, we make firewood sales too, of course, to folks who are in the business of selling wood.

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The firewood is good. These farmers are cutting their own
firewood. They know what they're going to do. It's for them
and some of us have got enough firewood and money and
firewood. They're cutting out more firewood.
They'll need the firewood. And they'll probably
sell their extra stock to folks here in Washington, D.C.
That's all. You'll be enough to go. You're very far and
that's where the firewood is. The firewood is
that about these questions you were going to ask me.
I'm coming to the firewood. The firewood is the
National Forest and the firewood is the firewood.
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1. MATT: See! Just what I said. 'fore we know it, it's goin'
2. to cost us a lot of money!

3. JIM: Well Matt, here's my questions. You get a big house to
4. heat this winter. Where are you going to get your wood?
5. You going to cut it yourself?

6. MATT: I get my wood from Al Perkins.

7. ANDY: Not this winter you won't, Matt. Al's hard hit by this
8. tire rationing and shortage of help and all. He told me
9. the other day he's figurin' on doing mighty little firewood
10. business this winter.

11. JIM: That's what I'm getting at. What we're up against most
12. of all is a shortage of help. Most of our young fellows
13. are away, shouldering guns or building tanks and airplanes.

14. MATT: Well, confound it! What're we going to do. We got to have
15. firewood. This is serious.

16. ANDY: That's what we've been tallin' yuh.

17. MATT: I got an idea. Why couldn't we get folks to join up,
18. like in a cooperative, say, and share our cars in hauling
19. wood to folks' houses?

20. JIM: That's all right.

21. ANDY: Yeah, we can do that all right. But who's going to cut
22. all this wood we aim to haul around town? What about
23. that, Jim?

Well, what about it? I said, 'You know it's a going'

no good as a lot of money!

Well, what about my question? You got a big house to

beat this winter. Where are you going to get your wood?

You going to cut it yourself?

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Not this winter you won't, Matt. Al's hand hit by this

time rationing and shortage of help and all. He told me

the other day he's a fighter, or doing mighty little business

business this winter.

That's what I'm getting at. What we're up against now

of all is a shortage of help. Most of our young fellows

are gone, mostly to the war or to the navy or to the army.

Well, confound it! What're we going to do. We got to have

timbered. This is serious.

That's what we've been talking, you.

I got an idea. Why couldn't we get folks to join up,

like in a cooperative, say, and share our work in hauling

wood to folks, houses?

That's all right.

Yeah, we can do that all right. But who's going to cut

all this wood we aim to haul around town? What about

that?

JIM: Well, I've heard where in some towns everybody pitches in after regular work hours to cut firewood on a share-and-share plan. Maybe we could try.....

MATT: We don't have enough men around to make a dent in what we're going to need, Jim. Not with everybody so busy these days.

JIM: Well, if you could only get somebody to cut the wood, you could go ahead and form your cooperative, make out a sale for timber in the forest, and pay the woods cutters a good salary out of what folks pay for the wood.

ANDY: How about getting some men out of Elk City?

JIM: I doubt if you'd find many men who weren't busy with other war work. No...we gotta think of some other way...there's got to be some way...

ANDY: Well, s'pose we take a little recess and think about it.....

CROWD NOISE, AD LIB COMMENTS, SUSTAIN

JERRY: (OFF) I'm looking for Jim Robbins. Oh yeah, there he is.
(CALLS) Hey, Jim!

ANDY: It's Jerry, your assistant, Jim. He's got a youngster in tow.

JIM: What's the matter, Jerry? Who's that you got with you?

DICK: I'm Dick Mitchell, Mr. Robbins...Please tell him to let go of my arm. I'm not gonna run away. Honest!

CROWD NOISE SUBSIDES

JERRY: I hated to come barging in on you like this, Jim, but.....

ANDY: It's all right, Jerry. We're havin' a little recess.

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1. JERRY: Thanks...Jim, this kid here's one of the trespassers
2. we've been after. Caught him right in the act, cutting
3. down an old snag over in the Clear Crddk watershed. He
4. says he and his gang have been at it all along up there.

5. JIM: How old are you, Dick?

6. DICK: Fifteen, sir...We didn't do no harm, Mr. Robbins, not us
7. Forest Commandos. We've only been cuttin' down snags and
8. bad trees. We never out a single good tree. Honest.

9. JIM: Yeah. I noticed that. But you did cut trees down in the
10. National Forest without permission?

11. DICK: Yes sir. We didn't have no money to buy wood and we didn't
12. know we coulda gotten a free permit for firewood. All
13. we knew is that us Forest Commandos have got to keep the
14. home fires going. That's part of our oath, along with
15. protectin' the forest against fire an' all.

16. JIM: H-m-m. That's interesting. Forest Commandos, huh?

17. JERRY: I figured you'd want to handle this, Jim. It isn't...uh...
18. just an ordinary trespass case.

19. JIM: Just a minute...Dick, wasn't Sam Mitchell your Dad?

20. DICK: Yes, sir. He's dead now. Dad was killed when they was
21. logging Beaver Creek off.

22. JIM: Yes, I remember. Sam was one of the best saw filers around,
23. in his time...And you still live up there in the Beaver
24. Creek settlement, Dick?
25.

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we've been after. Caught him right in the act, cutting
down an old snag over in the Clear Creek watershed. He
says he and his gang have been at it all along up there.

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know we needed a license to cut trees in the forest. All
we know is that the Forest Commandos have got to keep the
home fires going. That's part of our cash, along with
protecting the forest against fire and all.

Now that's interesting. Forest Commandos, huh?
I suppose you'd want to handle this, sir. It isn't
just an ordinary lumber camp.

That's a shame. Look, would you mind telling me
Yes, sir. He's dead now. Dad was killed when they were

logging Beaver Creek off.

Yes, I remember. You was one of the best men killed
in his time... And you still live up there in the forest

Great. That's all.

DICK: Yes, sir. There ain't so many folks left there now though. Most of the men folks are gone. They're fighting for Uncle Sam, they are. And us kids, us Forest Commandos, we're running things at home, we are.

JERRY: Yeah, but that doesn't call for stealing timber, sonny.

DICK: No sir! We didn't figure it was stealing exactly. Not when we only cut stuff that was bad. That improves the timber that's left. I heard you say that yourself when you talked to us in school that day you were waiting for Miss Holloway....

LAUGHTER, AD LIB: "What about that Jerry?" etc.

JIM: (THRU NOISE) All right, hold on everybody. This isn't so funny after all, Dick, how much wood you and your Commando outfit cut so far?

DICK: (PROUDLY) Oh, we got almost all we're gonna need this winter already, Mr. Robbins.

JIM: It's a serious thing cutting trees in the National Forest without permission, Dick. That's trespassing against Uncle Sam, you know. Usually we take trespass cases before the Justice of the Peace.

DICK: Yes sir. I know that, now. And we won't do it again. Honest. But we had to get wood in for this winter and there wasn't nobody else to do it. And nobody has any money much in Beaver Creek to buy.....

...there's a lot of money left there now...
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...and we have the Forest Commission...
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...Miss Hallway....

...about that Jerry? etc.

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1. MATT: No money or business or anything else much in Beaver Creek
2. since they cut all that timber off.
3. ANDY: Not since, Matt, but because they cut all that timber off,
4. I'd say.
5. JERRY: Well, what'll we do about this, Jim? I don't think the
6. kid really.....
7. DICK: Mr. Robbins, please don't take me 'fore the Justice of the
8. Peace. Please. That'll hurt Momma more'n anything. If...
9. if you'll let me go this time...we'll... we'll bring back
10. every stick of wood we hauled away. Honest.
11. MATT: Now see here, Jim Robbins. You can't law this boy.
12. Why, I..I'd sooner pay for all the wood he and his Commandos
13. out than see him brought to court.
14. CROWD NOISE UP AND AWAY
1. ANDY: Well, I'll be hornswoggled. That ain't Matt Singlefield
2. just said that?
3. MATT: Yes sir. I mean it.
4. JIM: Well, Matt, I think I'll take you on your word. If
5. there're any damages for extra wood beyond what those
6. Beaver Creek folks coulda gotten with free permits, you'll
7. pay the bill.
8. DICK: Gee, then everything's all right. Thanks Mr. Singlefield.
9. We can keep the wood and I can go, now?
10. JIM: Just a minute, Dick. I was kinda wondering if...no, I
11. guess you feller's wouldn't want to do that.
12. ANDY: What's on your mind, Jim?

Mr. Hobbles, please don't take me 'toss the tosses of the

always that and all that rubbish.

Not a word, but because they cut all that timber off

I'd say.

Well, what if we go about this, that I don't think it

kind really.

Mr. Hobbles, please don't take me 'toss the tosses of the

peace, please. That's all I want to say.

It you'll let me go this time, well, I'll let you go

every kind of wood we wanted, money, money.

Now see here, Mr. Hobbles, you can't law this day.

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THROW NOISE UP AND AWAY

Well, I'll be home again. That's all I want to say.

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never Greek to be could you see with the money, well, I

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We can keep the wood and I can go, now?

Just a minute, Mr. Hobbles. I was kind of waiting it.

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That's no your mind, Jim?

JIM: Just this. Maybe, in Dick here, and his Commandos, we've got a potential firewood crew we hadn't figured on. They must be doggonned good woodsmen and workers or we'd have caught up with them before they stocked up Beaver Creek with fuel for the winter.

JERRY: I'll go along with you on that, Jim. The kids know how to cut wood all right.

JIM: If we could get somebody to sponsor these kids, their work and all, Jerry and I could sorta supervise 'em and....

MATT: I'll sponsor them, Jim. And proud to do it. The kids'll be doing something worthwhile and they can make some money for their folks.

MURMURS OF GENERAL APPROBATION

JIM: And they'll be practicing good forestry. They'll be learning how to avoid more Beaver Creek cut-overs in the future, which is something our generation doesn't seem to have learned any too well.

ANDY: Dick and his Commandos, working steady, ought to be able to get up a lot of the firewood we'll be needing in Winding Creek this winter.

JIM: What do you say, Dick? You and your pals want the chance to make good for your trespassing by pitching in and cutting firewood for pay?

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Do we? Will we? Gee whiz, yes sir!

ANDY: That does it, Gentlemen, I reckon we can quit worryin' about Winding Creek's winter fuel situation. The Forest Commandos are taking over as of now and (RAPPING GAVEL) I'm closing (FADE) this special meeting.....

MUSICAL FINALE

ANNOUNCER: The United States Forest Service has just prepared a little leaflet called "Wood Needed For War." It is made up of interesting cartoons illustrating how to cut timber for war without ruining the land we're fighting to defend. any farm woodland owner may obtain a copy by simply sending a postcard to the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture and requesting "Wood Needed For War."..... This program has been a Blue network presentation with the cooperation of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

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